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SUBJ: PRE-31ST UNGA CONSULTATIONS

REF (A) CAIRO 12326, (B) STATE 208183,

1. ON 16 SEPT POLCOUNS CALLED ON ACTDIR MFA ECONOMIC DEPT MAHMUD AL'IRYAN AND DIR OF AFRICAN DEPT BIDEIWI AS FOLLOW UP TO EARLIER DISCUSSIONS ON 31ST UNGA (REF A).

2. UNCTAD IV. AL'IRYAN CALLED IN FIRST SEC SHARIF SADDIQ WHO HAD ATTENDED NAIROBI UNCTAD MEETING. BOTH OFFICIALS EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE WITH US POSITION THAT EXISTING COMMODITY GROUPS TO EXTENT POSSIBLE SHOULD BE PRINCIPAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS. (NOTE: EMBASSY HAD EARLIER INFORMED MFA OF US VIEWS ON BASIS REF B). THEY SAID GOE, AS MOST OF GROUP OF 77, BELIEVES THAT THESE GROUPS HAVE NOT PERFORMED TASKS FOR WHICH THEY WERE ESTABLISHED AND ARE THEREFORE INCAPABLE OF DOING SO IN FUTURE TO SATISFACTION OF GROUP OF 77. GOE WANTS TO SEE CREATION OF AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION, CONCEIVABLY UNCTAD OR UNDER AUSPICES OF UNCTAD THAT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NEGOTIATIONS OF COMMODITY AGREEMENTS. THEY CONSIDERED THE  
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US POSITIONS AT NAIROBI VERY TOUGH AND INDICATING AN UN-

WILLINGESS TO COMPROMISE EVEN ON RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT ISSUES DESPITE YEARS OF EFFORT THAT HAVE GONE INTO GROUP OF 77 PROPOSALS. SHARIF ASKED ABOUT US POSITION ON COMMON FUND AND POLCOUNS STATED POSITION AS CONTAINED STATE 220772. GOE STRONGLY SUPPORTS COMMON FUND.

3. SOUTHER AFRICA. BIDEIWI, WHO IS LEADING GOE AFRICAN EXPERT, BELIEVES SECRETARY'S CURRENT TRIP HAS ALREADY SUCCEEDED IN CONVINCING MODERATE AFRICANS THAT US IS INDEED SERIOUS IN ITS EFFORTS TO RESOLVE SOUTHERN AFRICAN CONFLICT AND EVEN CONVINCED MOST RADICALS THAT US SHOULD AT LEAST BE GIVEN CHANCE. RADICALS, HOWEVER, DO NOT BELIEVE US WOULD SUCCEED AND ARMS STRUGGLE IS ONLY WAY SETTLEMENT SATISFACTORY TO AFRICANS WILL BE REACHED. BIDEIWI THINKS NAMIBIA HOLDS OUT BEST PROSPECTS FOR RESOLUTION AND THAT IT SHOULD BE TACKLED FIRST. IF SUCCESSFUL, IT MIGHT HAVE IMPACT IN RHODESIA AND ON "INFLEXIBILITY" OF IAN SMITH. IT COULD EVEN RESULT IN MORE MODERATE LEADER REPLACING SMITH. BIDEIWI THOUGHT SECRETARY'S EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY IF SOME PROGRESS MADE, WOULD HAVE IMPACT ON TONE OF UNGA DEBATES; BUT BLACK AFRICANS WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR STRONG RESOLUTIONS AND REMAINDER OF AFRICAN STATES, INCLUDING GOE WOULD SUPPORT THEM. MATTHEWS

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